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Section 1 - Staff. *

TABLE A.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications and other appointments held.
John G. Meadows.	Medical Officer of Health.	1/7/64.	N.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., M.O.H. Boroughs of Bridport & Lyme Regis & Rural Districts of Bridport & Beaminster. Senior Assistant County M.O. Dorset County Council.
Eric Ismay.	Public Health Inspector.	28/11/60.	Public Health Inspector's Certificate. Inspector of Meat and other Foods Certificate.

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health.

Office - Health Centre, North Allington, Bridport. Bridport 2385/6

Home - 18 St. Katherine's Avenue, Bridport. Bridport 3419.

Section 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number.	Tonnage.	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage infectious diseases on board.
			By the M.O.H.	By the P.H.I.	
Foreign Ports.	16	2668	2	16	Nil.
Coastwise.	6	696	-	6	Nil.
Totals.	22	3364	2	22	Nil.

Section 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic - Nil.

Carry Traffic - { Principal IMPORTS - Timber.
Principal EXPORTS - Gravel.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive are in Sweden Finland and Belgium.

Section IV - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil.

Section V. - Water Supply. *

(1) Source of supply (a) for the district
Bridport - West Dorset Water Board.

(b) Shipping.
Mains from Bridport supply.

(2) Reports of tests for contamination.

Samples are taken regularly and are examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Dorchester. The Water Supply is chlorinated at the source.

(3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.

The Harbour Master is responsible for the cleanliness of the standpipes at the Harbour. Each ship has its own hosepipe.

(4) Number and Sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority.

There are no water boats.

Section V1 - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

(1) List of Infected Areas. (Regulation 6).

The Ministry of Health's weekly record of Quarantinable Diseases is received by the Medical Officer of Health.

(2) Radio Messages.

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district.
(Regulation 13) - Nil.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon (Regulation 14 (1) (a) and (2)). - Nil.

(3) Notifications otherwise than by radio. (Regulation 14 (1) (b)). - Nil.

(4) Mooring Stations. (Regulations 22 to 30).

This Port is not regularly used by shipping which might come within the definition of "Infected Ship" or "Suspected Ship". If circumstances arose, then ships would anchor in West Bay.

(5) Arrangements for :-

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases - other than Smallpox.

These are admitted to the Westhaven Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth.

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts :

Arrangements are made for this to be carried out in accordance with the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.

The Public Health Inspector has a supply of disinfectants and if necessary would carry out the treatment.

Section V11 - Smallpox.

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Weyhill Hospital, Andover. (Telephone No. Weyhill 214)

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital.

Dorset County Ambulance Service.

(3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace, Weymouth. Dr. A.F. Turner and Dr. C. Hollins, Dorchester.

(4) Facilities of Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to - Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, London N.W.9.
Tel. Colindale 7041.

Section V111 - Venereal Diseases.

Patients can be seen at the V.D. Clinic, Dorset County Hospital, Males and Females, Thursdays 11 a.m., also at Portwey Hospital, Males and Females 5 p.m., by appointment, and the V.D. Officer is always prepared to give special facilities to Merchant Seamen. In-patient accommodation is provided for at the Westhaven Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. The Medical Officer of Health gives the appropriate information to persons concerned regarding treatment facilities.

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

TABLE D.

Category.	Diseases.	Number of cases during the year.	Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers, Crew.	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Totals.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section X - Observation on the occurrence of malaria in ships. - Nil.

Section X1 - Measurers taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague. - Nil.

Section X11 - Measurers against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

- (1) Routine inspection in ships from foreign ports is made.
- (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents are made with the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No rats were sent during the year.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category.	Number.
Black rats.....	Nil.
Brown rats.....	Nil.
Species not known.....	Nil.
Sent for examination.....	Nil.
Infected with plague.....	Nil.

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No. of Deratting Certificates issued			Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued.			Total Certificates issued.
After fumigation with.		*	After Trapping.	After Poisoning.	Total.	
H.C.N.	Other fumigant (Stato Method)					
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

* State Poisons used and no. of certificates issued after each poison.

Section X111 - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G.
Inspection and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.	Notices served.		Result of Serving Notices.
	Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
British. 6	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Foreign. 16.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Totals. 22.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

* Section X1V - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948.

There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the authority.

* Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens.

The Port is not approved for the landing of Aliens.

Section XV1 - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

No difficulty would arise in arranging for such burials in local cemeteries.

